

Interstate Transport of PM2.5 and Ozone; Correction" (FRL No. 9763-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8621. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Permits for Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications Locating in Prevention of Significant Deterioration Areas and Permits for Major Stationary Sources Locating in Nonattainment Areas or the Ozone Transport Region" (FRL No. 9763-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8622. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 12-143, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KOHL, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia: A Comparison of International Approaches" (Rept. No. 112-254).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1980, a bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures (Rept. No. 112-255).

Report to accompany S. 2388, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-256).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1910. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees (Rept. No. 112-257).

S. 241. A bill to expand whistleblower protections to non-Federal employees whose disclosures involve misuse of Federal funds.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 1100. A bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit inserting politics into the Federal acquisition process by prohibiting the submission of political contribution information as a condition of receiving a Federal contract.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2234. A bill to prevent human trafficking in government contracting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY:

S. 3690. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to include in its annual report to Congress a list of the most common grounds for sustaining protests relating to bids for contracts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 3691. A bill to minimize the economic and social costs resulting from losses of life, property, well-being, business activity, and economic growth associated with extreme weather events by ensuring that the United States is more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events in the short- and long-term, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3692. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize National Guard support for State and local efforts to keep schools safe from violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3693. A bill to enhance the safety of America's schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3694. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to enhance existing programs providing mitigation assistance by encouraging States to adopt and actively enforce State building codes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3695. A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 3696. A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3697. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to certain mercury compounds, products, and processes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 3698. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to improve veterans service organizations access to Federal surplus personal property; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 625. A resolution recognizing the January 12, 2013, opening of the United States Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana, and supporting plans for other educational pavilions and initiatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Con. Res. 65. A concurrent resolution congratulating the Navy and the current and former officers and crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise (CVN 65) on completion of the 25th and final deployment of the vessel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 32

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 32, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 35

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 35, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 998

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 998, a bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to temporarily reduce interest rates for certain small business disaster loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2134, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the retirement, adoption, care and recognition of military working dogs, and for other purposes.

S. 3280

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3280, a bill to preserve the companionship services exemption for minimum wage and overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

S. 3518

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3518, a bill to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States in trade negotiations to eliminate government fisheries subsidies, and for other purposes.

S. 3623

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr.